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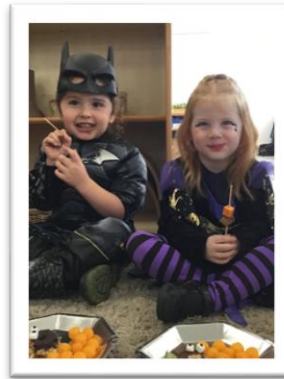
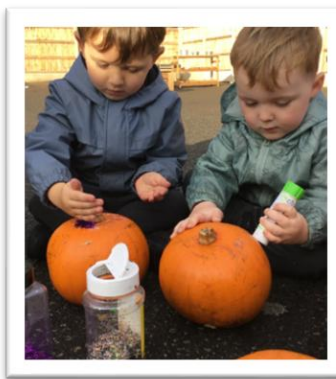
Weekly News

What a busy week it has been - and what a long half term too! Autumn 1 is now complete after eight busy weeks, and we couldn't be prouder of how well the children have settled into their new routines. Thank you to everyone who attended their parents' evening appointments. You should now have a clearer idea of how your child has settled into their new class and how they are progressing academically. A few appointments have been rescheduled, and staff are looking forward to meeting those parents soon to share how their children are getting on at school. As we reach the end of this half term, we hope everyone enjoys a lovely, restful break and spends some quality family time together.

Pumpkin Picking and Halloween Disco Fun in Beginnings and Nursery

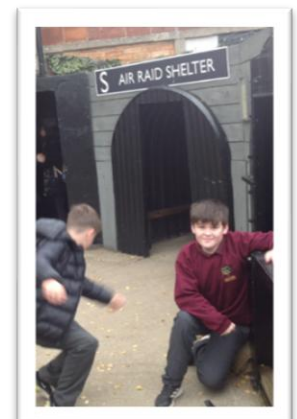
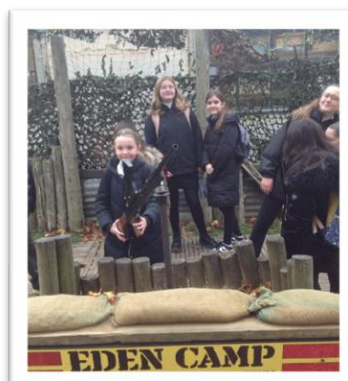
Our children in Beginnings and Nursery have had a fantastic week! They enjoyed a trip to pick their own pumpkins on the school field and then decorated them beautifully. These activities are brilliant for developing gross motor skills - using shoulder and arm movements that are important pre-writing steps.

The children also had a wonderful time at their Halloween Disco! They came dressed in spooky or fancy clothes, enjoyed some delicious themed food, and took part in games and dancing. It was a joyful event, full of smiles and fun for everyone!



Year 6 Visit to Eden Camp

Last Friday, Year 6 had an exciting day out at Eden Camp, a former World War II prisoner of war camp turned interactive museum. They explored themed huts covering topics such as the Blitz, the Great Escape, and submarine warfare, as well as many other wartime exhibits. The children were enthusiastic, well-behaved, and fully engaged - they did themselves (and us!) proud. This trip links perfectly with their current History theme - The Battle of Britain.



Pumpkin Carving Competition

A huge thank you to everyone who carved and decorated pumpkins at home! They have really brightened up the grass at the front of school and brought some wonderful seasonal colour to our entrance.

All children who took part have been rewarded with a pack of sweets for their fantastic efforts.

A big well done to Benny S who has won Best Pumpkin! 🏆

This was judged by our Head Girl and Head Boy, who were extremely impressed with all the entries and found it very difficult to choose just one winner.



Online Safety Session

On Tuesday afternoon, Years 5 and 6 took part in an Online Safety session led by South Yorkshire Police. The session focused on how to stay safe online and raised awareness of the potential dangers that can occur when using the internet and social media. The children were engaged, thoughtful, and listened really well throughout the discussion - an important step in helping them make sensible and safe choices online.

Here is some further information for parents to help support children with staying safe online at home:

- **NSPCC – Keeping Children Safe Online:** Advice on apps, parental controls, and how to talk to children about online safety. [Visit NSPCC](#)
- **UK Safer Internet Centre – Parents & Carers:** Tips, guides, and downloadable resources for technology, gaming, and consoles. [Visit UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- **Internet Matters:** Device safety settings, tackling online issues, and age-appropriate guidance. [Visit Internet Matters](#)
- **CEOP Education – Parents & Carers:** Conversation starters, video guides, and advice on what to do if you're concerned. [Visit CEOP Education](#)

These resources are excellent tools to help you support your child in using the internet safely and responsibly.

 **Upcoming Event: F2 to Year 6 Halloween Disco**

After half-term, it's time for the F2 to Year 6 Halloween Disco! We're really looking forward to another fun-filled event.

- KS1 children can bring £1 for a sweet cone (please send in a named envelope).
- KS2 children can bring £2 to spend at the tuck shop (they'll look after their own money).

It's sure to be a brilliant way to celebrate after the break!





Coffee morning for SEND parents

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Wednesday 5th November
08:45 straight after drop-off

- ❖ Get information about what support your family can access
- ❖ Chat to other parents who share similar experiences and challenges
- ❖ Meet the school SENDCO
- ❖ Feedback on the school's SEND provision

 **BROOKE** Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools 

The British Royal Legion Poppy Appeal

We are once again supporting the British Legion Poppy Appeal, which supports current and former members of the Armed Forces and their families. Poppies and other commemorative items will be available, for a donation, from school after the half-term holiday.



Pupil of the Week W/E 23.10.25

Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

Class	Pupil
Branches	Albie P
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	George H
F2 Mrs Brown & Mrs Whitfield	William N, Isaac M
Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	Kobe R
Y1/2 Miss Brown	Alice S
Y2 Miss Booth	Leo M
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Jack P
Y3 Miss Jackson	Morris C
Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Primrose T
Y4 Mr Purdy	Nancie F
Y5 Mr Jones	Myla R-H
Y6 Mr Thomas	Ellie R
Y6 Mrs Brady	Ivy-B P



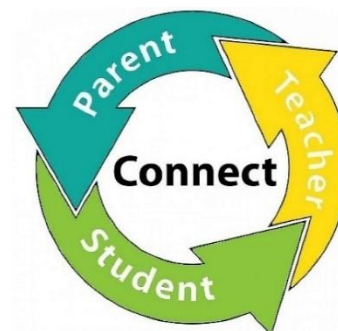
Headteacher's Award

Pupil	For
Layla M	Her commitment, attitude and progress in her guitar lessons



Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Ellie R	Being awarded managers 'Player of the Match' at football
Jack P	Achieving his brown belt in Taekwondo
Ryan F	For earning his respect award at Scouts
Raven C	Gaining 5 new badges at Scouts
Darcey C	Achieving a new badge at Scouts
Erin B	Coming 1 st place at horse dressage
Iyda B	Coming 1 st place in the Under 6's at Irish Dancing
Theo S	Achieving 'Man of the Match' at football



Picture News

Every Thursday afternoon, the children take part in a 'Picture News' assembly. This is used to support the personal development of the children. Picture News provides children with opportunities to develop their learning further through news stories that inspire them. It exposes children to a range of current issues including political, religious, cultural, environmental, social, moral and spiritual. It makes British Values relevant and meaningful which develop links between personal, school and community values. It also allows children to demonstrate respect and tolerance.



TAKEHOME 20th - 26th October

Should everyone have an identity card?

In the news this week

The UK government is planning to bring in digital identity cards, which people could keep on their phones or have as a physical card. The idea is that these new IDs would make it easier to prove who you are for things like work, travel, or applying for services. Supporters say they could improve safety and convenience, while others worry about privacy, fairness, and people without access to smartphones.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you make a list of some of the pros and cons of identity cards? Discuss these with someone at home.
- > Do you think a digital card is better than having an actual card? Why?
- > What do you think makes up your identity? Ask and share your response with someone at home.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 17/10/2025 (Autumn 1, Week 7)

Improving school attendance is everyone's business and, to tackle the challenge we face, **we need to work together**. The Government has launched a national campaign, aimed at parents and carers, on the importance of school attendance. Our goal is to create a nurturing bond between parents and school, emphasising the pivotal role attendance has in enhancing their child's overall wellbeing. Being in school is essential to **your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development**.

Attendance is at or above the school target of 96%

Attendance is between 92 – 96%, below school target and being monitored

Attendance is below 92% and significantly below the school target of 97%. Action to improve attendance needed

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Winner</u>
EYFS	F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	95.7%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Whitfield Mrs Brown	90.3%	
KS1	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	95.5%	Y2 – Miss Booth
	Y1/2 Miss Brown	91.7%	
	Y2 Miss Booth	97.9%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	92.8%	Y4 – Mr Purdy – Extra Break
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	95.4%	
	Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	98.4%	
	Y4 Mr Purdy	99.6%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	97.4%	Y6 Mrs Brady – Non Uniform Day Thursday 6 th November
	Y6 Mr Thomas	94.8%	
	Y6 Mrs Brady	98.2%	
Total	95.37%		

Lateness

Being late adds up to a loss of learning

- If you are 15 minutes late every week, this adds up to a loss of 3+ days of education every year
- If you are 15 minutes late every day, this adds up to a loss of 2+ weeks of education every year
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How to help ensure your child arrives in school on time everyday

- get up early and make sure your child leaves the house on time
- prepare uniform and bags the night before
- attend breakfast club if needed (breakfast club opens at 07:30)
- if your child is unhappy or having problems at school, please ring to discuss these issues.
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Arriving late to school may cause difficulties for your child

- it may be embarrassing walking into a class that has already started working
- it disturbs lessons, impacting other pupils
- missing even part of a lesson can make learning more difficult
- lateness contributes to your child having a poor attendance record

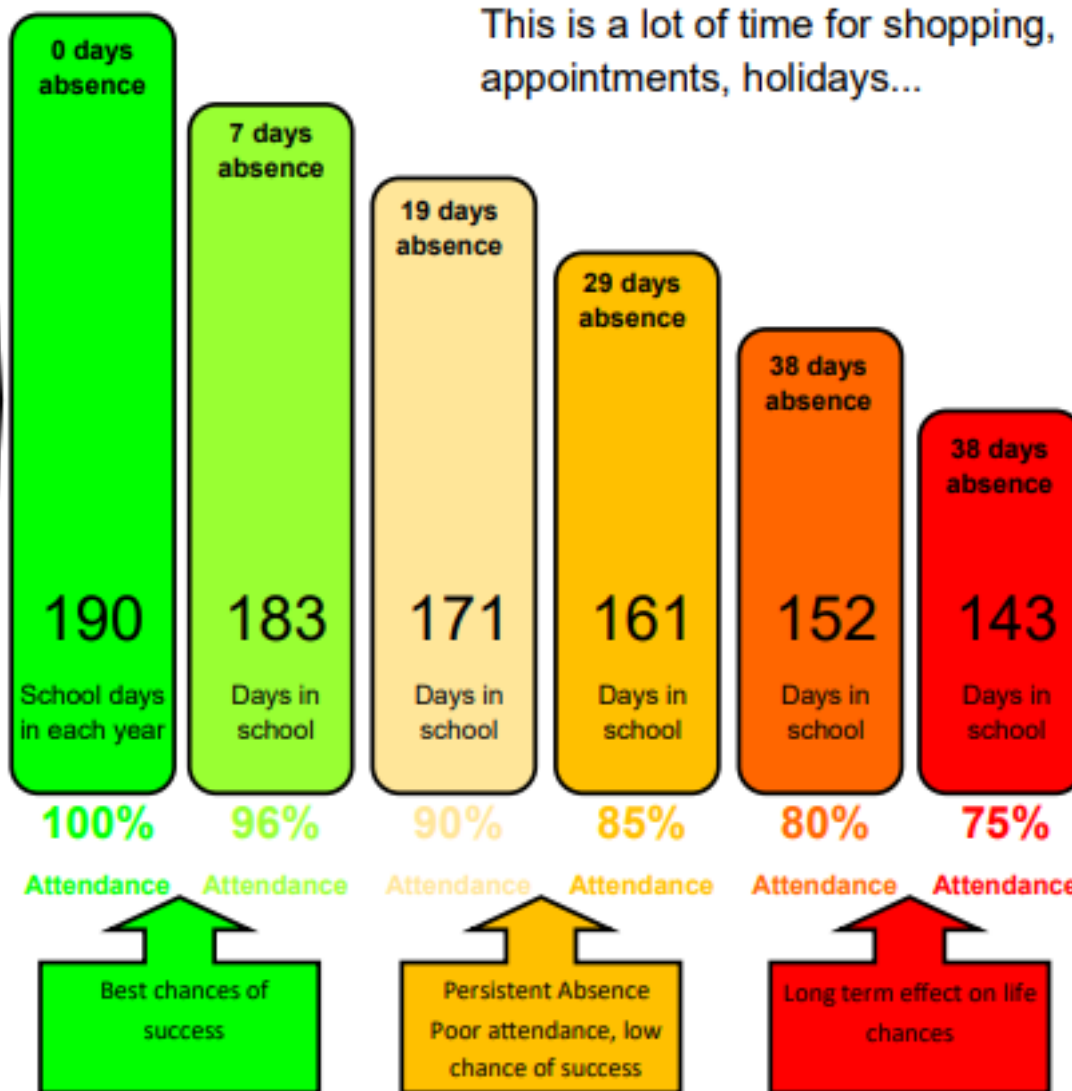


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...being in school at least
96% of the time (183+ days)

175 days are non-school days
This is a lot of time for shopping,
appointments, holidays...

365 days in a calendar year



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that
the highest attendance you can achieve is **94.7%**

Important Dates

Autumn 1

- **Friday 24th October – School Closure Day, school closed to all children**
- **Friday 24th October – School closes for half term**

Autumn 2

- **Monday 3rd November** – School re-opens to children
- **Monday 3rd November** – Reception -Y6 Halloween Discos [Halloween-Disco-Reception-Year-6.pdf](#)
- **Friday 7th November 3.30pm** – Y5 PGL Parent Meeting [PGL-2026.pdf](#)
- **Wednesday 12th November** – EYFS Nursery Rhyme Performances [World-Nursery-Rhyme-Week.pdf](#)
- **Tuesday 11th November** – Y6 SATs Parent Workshop [SATs-Parent-Letter.pdf](#)
- **Tuesday 13th November** – Y3 Stoneage Day
- **Wednesday 14th November** – Children In Need [Children-In-Need-2025.pdf](#)
- **Monday 17th November** – Reception to Y6 Flu Immunisation Day
- **Friday 28th November – Staff Training Day, school closed to all pupils**
- **Friday 5th December** – Christmas Choir Concert 2.30pm
- **Wednesday 10th December** – EYFS Nativity Performance – details to follow
- **Thursday 11th December** – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day – details to follow
- **Friday 12th December 10am** – Y5/Y6 Christmas Concert at St Nicholas Church
- **Monday 15th December 9.15am & 2.30pm** – Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert – details to follow
- **Tuesday 16th December 9.15am & 2.15pm** – Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert – details to follow
- **Wednesday 17th December AM** – Christmas Choir to sing at Sainsburys and Lidl
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Christmas Fayre
- **Friday 19th December** – School closes for the end of term

Have a wonderful weekend.

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